

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 please insert the following section between the Title of the Invention and the Field of the Invention:

### -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application claims priority to PCT/EP99/09988, filed December 15, 1999, and to German patent application 19903920.8 filed February 1, 1999, and such applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. --

## IN THE CLAIMS

### *I. Cancellation of Claims*

Please cancel claims 11-22.

### *II. Substitution of Claims*

Please substitute claims 1-9 with new claims 1-9 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An immortalized sebocyte derived from a human.
  2. (Amended) The sebocyte according to claim 1, characterized in that it is derived from a human sebaceous gland cell.
  3. (Amended) The sebocyte according to claim 2, characterized in that the sebaceous gland cell is a facial sebaceous gland cell.
  4. (Amended) The sebocyte according to claim 1, characterized in that it is present in form of a cell line.
  5. (Amended) The sebocyte according to claim 1, characterized in that it is immortalized by transfection of DNA.